the minds of the people and has a deterrent effect on crime. The workshop has been very useful to the townspeople as a place where they can get work done, and has also been a school, where convicts can learn a trade by which they may earn a livelihood after release from prison.

Dewan's reply.—We are not abolishing the Jail.

Subject No. 119.

Preventive measures against encroachment of the Tunga.

Summary of discussion.—Steps should be taken to prevent the encroachment of the Tunga river near the Sigehatti portion of the Shimoga Town on the Mangalore Road. Planting reeds on the bank has not been successful.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in the D. P. W. Probably groins will answer.

Subject No. 120.

Remission of Irrigation Cess on lands irrigated by rain-water.

Summary of discussion.—Irrigation cess of one anna per rupee is levied on all wet lands irrigated by rain-water as in the case of lands irrigated by tank-water. It should be remitted on the former.

Dewan's reply.—Deputy Commissioner to investigate and report.

Subject No. 121.

Continuation of Malnad Forest privileges to the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The whole of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk should be treated as Malnad for Raiyats' Forest privileges. For purposes of batta to public servants in the Police, P. W., Medical and Revenue Departments, it is classed as Malnad. Land-holders in the Maganis of Kumsi, Chordi, Harnahalli (formerly in the Honnali Taluk) and Ayanur (formerly in the Shimoga Taluk) all of them now attached to the Kumsi Sub-Taluk, were refused remission of assessment in the Famine years "Dhatu" and "Ishwara" on the ground that their tracts were Malnad.

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the revised Rules, dated 9th December 1892, re-classified these parts as Maidan.]

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will officially report his opinion with draft of any alteration necessary.

Subject No. 122.

Permission to use Bendenaru free of charge.

Summary of discussion.—Permission should be given to use Bende, Kollagauri and Tadasal fibres and Malave creeper free of charge, as they are not of much profit to Government.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner is investigating this. His report will be awaited.

Subject No. 123.

Free grazing of cattle in State Forests.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department has encroached upon the Gomal lands hitherto enjoyed by villagers free of charge, and levies a fee of 2 annas per head on the cattle grazing in the State Forests. This is hard on the raiyats. Cattle should be allowed to graze on these lands free of charge.